

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) A method for driver information and for a reaction when leaving a traffic lane, comprising:

performing at least one of providing a warning including driver information and a vehicle intervention as a reaction if a vehicle threatens to leave the traffic lane towards an adjacent lane; and

recording at least one boundary of the traffic lane, wherein the at least one boundary is shared with the adjacent lane;

determining whether a boundary marking of the at least one boundary of the traffic lane is one of solid or broken;

identifying a direction of traffic traveling in the adjacent lane sharing the at least one boundary of the traffic lane;

wherein the at least one of the warning and the reaction ~~are~~ is a function of both the boundary marking of the at least one boundary of the traffic lane and the direction of traffic traveling in the adjacent lane; and ~~a driving situation of the vehicle~~

wherein: (a) the at least one of the warning and the reaction is generated if the boundary marking of the at least one boundary of the traffic lane is solid; and (b) the at least one of the warning and the reaction is suppressed if the boundary marking of the at least one boundary of the traffic lane is broken and the direction of traffic traveling in the adjacent lane is in the same direction as the direction of travel of the vehicle.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein the warning and the reaction takes place if a boundary marking of the traffic lane is a solid line traffic lane marking.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein:

the driver warning and the vehicle intervention one of do not occur and occur less conspicuously, if a boundary marking of the traffic lane is a broken line traffic lane marking.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein:

the driver warning and the vehicle intervention occur if, in a neighboring lane, into which the vehicle may possibly enter, oncoming traffic is to be expected.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein:

the driver warning and the vehicle intervention occur one of delayed in time and with less intensity, if the neighboring lane, into which the vehicle may possibly travel, is a breakdown strip.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein a less conspicuous warning occurs in that at least one of a blinker noise and an acoustical warning having at least one of a softer tone and one of a smaller optical display and a less conspicuous optical display takes place.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein in response to a broken line traffic marking, the driver warning and the driver intervention take place only if one of oncoming traffic was actually recognized and a vehicle is moving in the same travel direction near the vehicle.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein in response to a suppressed and inconspicuous driver warning, an activation of a corresponding blinker takes place to inform other traffic participants.

20. (Currently Amended) A device for driver information and for reaction upon leaving the traffic lane, comprising:

an evaluation unit that activates at least one of a warning to the driver and a vehicle intervention when a threat of leaving the traffic lane towards an adjacent lane occurs; and

a microcomputer including a program that records at least one boundary marking of a boundary of the traffic lane, wherein the boundary is shared with the adjacent lane, and wherein the program determines whether the at least one boundary marking is one of solid or

broken, and wherein the program determines a direction of traffic traveling in the adjacent lane sharing the boundary of the traffic lane,

wherein at least one of the driver warning and the vehicle intervention is a function of both the at least one boundary marking of the traffic lane and the direction of traffic traveling in the adjacent lane sharing the boundary of the traffic lane; and a driving situation.

wherein: (a) the at least one of the warning and the intervention is generated if the at least one boundary marking of the boundary of the traffic lane is solid; and (b) the at least one of the warning and the intervention is suppressed if the at least one boundary marking of the boundary of the traffic lane is broken and the direction of traffic traveling in the adjacent lane is in the same direction as the direction of travel of the vehicle.